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28 December 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Richard Follis

- 1. Mr. John E. Loomis, a Washington lawyer with the firm of Counihan, Casey and Loomis, called me, stating he was representing Mrs. Richard Follis, the wife of the scientist who recently disappeared in Europe. He asked if I could give him any information on whether the stories about Follis' relationship with CIA as published in the paper were accurate. I said I would check, and I was subsequently informed by the Office of Security and the Deputy Director for Plans that they could find no record of any contact with or use of Follis by the Agency. I so informed Mr. Loomis.
- 2. Mr. Loomis then told me they were considering hiring a private investigator to go further into the case and asked if I had any ideas on how they should proceed. After talking with Mr. Osborn, I suggested to Mr. Loomis that he get in touch with Mr. G. Marvin Gentile, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Security, Department of State. I talked to Mr. Gentile and he said he thought he might be of assistance. I told Mr. Loomis that in such an investigation he might get allegations of CIA connection and I would appreciate it if he would check these out with me; I said if we obtained any information on Mr. Follis we would let him know.

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